

1955 ANNUAL MEETING

Members are reminded that the Thirty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Club will be held at Stillwater, Oklahoma, April 7-10.

LOUIS AGASSIZ FUERTES RESEARCH GRANT

The deadline for applications for this grant has been extended to April 20, 1955. Application forms for this award of \$100, established to promote ornithological research, may be obtained from Dr. Kenneth C. Parkes, Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania.

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

Some years ago Arthur Cleveland Bent, who died on December 30, 1954, arranged with James Lee Peters, at that time President of the Nuttall Ornithological Club, to have that organization agree to sponsor preparation of the remaining Life Histories of North American Birds should such action prove necessary. More recently, Mr. Bent had the Nuttall Club appoint Wendell Taber as Chairman with a free hand to choose his own committee. In May, 1954, Mr. Bent turned his work over to the Committee. Members are: Mrs. A. C. Bent, Alfred O. Gross, William G. F. Harris, Frederick C. Lincoln, Robert A. Norris, Christopher M. Packard, Lawrence H. Walkinshaw and Wendell Taber, Chairman. Contributions of material and photographs will be welcomed as before and may be sent to the most convenient member of the Committee.

It is hoped the volume on the Icteridae will go to the printer in the spring of 1955.

Of interest to bird banders is the appearance of a new publication, *The Ring*. The objective of this private publication is the international exchange of information on bird-ringing systems and other items of interest to workers in this field. The price of the first number is three shillings. The editor of *The Ring*, Dr. W. Rydzewski, 1 Altyre Rd., Croydon, Surrey, England, invites correspondence from bird banders in this country.

The 100-page gazetteer which appeared in part of 4 of James P. Chapin's "Birds of the Belgian Congo" is available as a separate with protective cover, priced at \$1.00. Orders may be placed with the Department of Birds, American Museum of Natural History, New York 24, N.Y.

The Aves section of the *Zoological Record* covering ornithological literature for 1953 was issued in November, 1954. Ornithologists owe a debt of gratitude to Lt. Col. W. P. C. Tenison for his careful preparation of this valuable research reference. A standing order for this publication may be placed with the Zoological Society of London and the bill can be paid by foreign postal money order. The list price, seven shillings and sixpence, is equivalent to \$1.00.